

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-14 are the claims currently pending in the present Application.

Information Disclosure Statement Matter

Filed herewith is a copy of Japanese Patent No. 9-305514, which Applicant believes was previously submitted as part of the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 14, 2003. Also, filed herewith are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement with form 1449, filed November 14, 2004, and the acknowledgment postcard USPTO stamped November 17, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate review and consideration of the reference in the next Office action.

Rejection of Claims 6, 7 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6, 7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being obvious from Schena, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,546,418 and Dougherty et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,587,859. This rejection is traversed.

Independent claim 1 requires “reading an image on said printed matter”, storing said image in a memory, “extracting said access destination information included in said image”, and displaying said image stored in said memory as a bookmark image.

Further, independent claim 6 requires “reading an image on said printed publication and storing said image in a memory”, “extracting said contents locating

information from said image”, and “displaying said image stored in said memory as a bookmark image.”

According to an aspect of Applicant’s invention, the image that has been used to extract the contents locating information is also used as a bookmark image. This feature enables users to enjoy the convenience of using the scanned image as a bookmark. This facilitates users to correlate a given article or image with the bookmark, because the scanned image contains a hint of contents of the URL when the URL is printed within or in the vicinity of the given article or image (Page 4, Line 24 - Page 5, Line 2).

Schena discloses a method for managing a domain name service based on initiating a communication from an object containing provider information using a scanner. The link information is extracted from an object by scanning the object (Abstract).

Dougherty discloses an encoded physical medium that has a Linkmark and an instruction mark. A machine-readable operating instruction is encoded within the instruction mark of which instruction is executed by a computer, when decoded (Abstract).

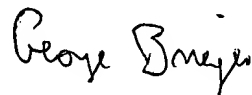
None of the cited references discloses or suggests the above-cited feature of the present invention. Schena is completely silent as to bookmark images. Dougherty mentions that the Linkmark may have graphical illustrations indicating content found at the web page or so (Abstract). However, Dougherty does not teach how these illustrations are created, let alone suggest that the image which has been used to extract the content locating information is also used as a bookmark image.

None of the references recognizes the advantage of correlating a bookmark with an image that has been scanned with the contents locating information associated with the bookmark. Therefore, a person of ordinary skill would not have been motivated to modify as proposed the references to obtain the present invention.

Claim 7 depends from independent claim 6 and thus incorporates novel and nonobvious features thereof. Accordingly, claim 7 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art for at least the reasons that independent claim 6 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment or the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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